

Human Rights Meeting June 14, 2011

Attendants: Louise Rickard, Scott Allo, Linda Klusek, David, DeMilia, Tim Manke, Ken Freidenberg, Phyllis DiCara, Christine Andrews, Jim Klusek, Audra Ekstrom, Karen Faust, Gary Byron, Theresa Claffey

Meeting called to order 710pm.

Minutes approved by Tim Manke and Phyllis DiCara.

Newington's Got Talent Debriefing.

Processed \$1412.00

Attendance 160 people

Christine great big thanks to Karen and the whole Commission. Everyone liked having it at the high school with more people able to attend.

Tim suggested making a subcommittee, meeting separate from the HRC, everyone agreed, and voted Tim as chair person and he would report back the HRC. Meetings could start in September and or October.

Having different levels of age groups to compete against, trying to get more different talent.

Rehearsal for talent and tech then a rehearsal just for tech

Stage crew did a great job.

Banner on stage

1st act in green room while 2nd act watches and switch after intermission.

Maybe another place for the acts to hang out during the show

List of rules for the talent to follow

Stage hands did a great job

Wireless microphone for MC and Judges

More defined area for the judges

Boys Scouts did a great job, big thanks.

Submitted by

Theresa Claffey

8:15pm

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Debriefing of Newington's Got Talent in progress

Ken comment that the stage manager was great, as was the high school. He said we need more volunteers but it will be difficult to recruit them. He suggested an effort to connect

with the business community, Chamber of Commerce. He commented that in addition to raising money, the show raised awareness and that some people brought in food. With regard to the next show, he stated that we need to decide the timing now, because the school master calendar will be finalized this month.

After considerable discussion, which revealed that the high school facility is not available between December and April and that this fall is too soon to mount another show, it was decided that the show should be in April—whatever Friday is available. (Saturday would involve extra custodial cost.)

Jim Klusek commented on the last show that he was happy with the lighting (the high school kids did a great job with it) and the sound and he thought the audience had a great time. However, we need a larger audience and therefore volunteers with specific skills in advertising and publicity and recruiting talent.

Gary asked when the DVD of the last show will be available. Scott replied that it is almost ready. Ken said he had received two requests to purchase it.

The Commission decided not to participate in the Extravaganza this year because too few people are available that day. We will participate in the Waterfall festival as before.

With regard to the high school diversity program, there was discussion concerning the fact that the program for sophomores was a full day program in the past, with student outreach to middle and elementary schools, and follow-up, all of which participants preferred to the half day program presented this year. Tim commented that a half day program was better than none at all, which has been the case in recent years. The consensus was that while money is an issue, the need for a committed teacher to organize the program was important, and that the HRC should approach the high school to offer our support. Karen offered to speak to teachers to see if someone would like to volunteer, Ken will talk to Mr. Wenker.

The last item was that Ken announced that Human Services is holding a drive for school clothes and backpacks and will email the flyer to all HRC members.

Submitted by Louis Rickard